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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
             FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE
JAMES H. GORBEY, JR.,
Administrator of the
Estate of Marissa Rose
Fishman, Deceased,
             Plaintiff,
                          ) C.A. No. 05-211 KAJ
                          ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
RICHARD LONGWILL, BARBARA )
LONGWILL, AIR BASE CARPET )
MART, INC., d/b/a Air Base)
Distributing, Inc., d/b/a )
Air Base Carpet Mart, AIR )
BASE DISTRIBUTING, INC., )
ASHLAND CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., JOSEPH
RIZZO & SONS CONSTRUCTION )
VINCENT RIZZO CONSTRUCTION)
CO., INC., d/b/a Ashland )
Construction Co., Inc.,
JOSEPH V. RIZZO, VINCENT
RIZZO,
             Defendants.
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Deposition of ROCHELLE B. LONGWILL, taken pursuant to notice at the law offices of Murphy, Spadaro & Landon, 1011 Centre Road, Suite 210, Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, before Heather M. Triozzi, Registered Professional Reporter, Centified Shorthand Reporter, and Notary Public.

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I don't know. It's that paper right
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2
      there.
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                   MR. HART: It's this. It's an
      affidavit.
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5
      BY MR. LANDON:
          Q. Oh, okay. This is an affidavit that you
6
7
      signed sometime ago about -- that had to do with
      some issues in the case?
8
9
              (Witness nodded her head.)
10
          Q.
              Yes?
11
          Α.
              Yes.
12
              Have you ever read the police report?
          Q.
1.3
              No.
          Α.
14
          Q.
              Have you read a report that was prepared
      by an investigator with Sierra Claims Services
15
16
      that summarized interviews that he took of the
17
      various adults that were in the house that day?
18
              No.
          Α.
19
              Tell me what you remember about that
20
      morning in as much detail as you can from the
21
      time that you got up until the time that you
22
      jumped in the pool to retrieve Marissa.
23
              I was woken up. Theresa and Marissa were
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      downstairs in the basement.
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1
                   She has a crib down there. And she
 2
     brought Marissa up. I was nursing Marissa.
 3
                   Harrison woke up. We brought her
     back to the den area, and I nursed her. And we
 4
 5
     played.
                   And then time went by and everybody
 6
 7
      started to wake up. And we were all in the
      kitchen having breakfast.
 8
                   Just normal, like, fun morning. And
 9
10
      then we -- the three, Alexandra, Harrison and
11
      Sam, my sister and me, we went in the back of the
12
     house. We went down the hallway, and we were
13
      just talking and playing.
                   And all of a sudden, I went,
14
15
      "Where's Marissa?" Alexandra trailed me.
16
                   And I -- and then I went through the
17
      kitchen, and I saw the glass slider open, wide
18
      open. And I went, "Oh, my God, the door's open."
19
                   And I could see from where I was
20
      standing that she was floating in the pool. And
      I screamed.
21
22
                   I said, "Oh, my God, Marissa is in
23
      the pool." And there's the worker and there's
24
     Vinnie, and they're in the pool room.
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And I jumped into the pool, and I 1 scooped Marissa up. And I remember saying to 2 3 them, I looked at them, like, why didn't you see her? Like how -- you know, like here they're in 4 5 the room, and she's floating in the pool. 6 And I was just -- you know, I just 7 took her out, and I placed her on the carpet. And my sister came over. 8 And I kept saying, "Oh, my God." 9 10 And I was doing CPR. 11 And she was giving her air. We were 12 just pumping. 13 And I remember hearing something like my grandmother screaming, my kids. It was 14 just a really -- and then all of a sudden, the --15 16 we just kept working on her. 17 And then the ambulance came. And he 18 just scooped her up in a towel, and he ran out. 19 And I started running out. 20 And I saw there were two ambulances 21 outside. The one she got in drove away, and I 22 got into the other ambulance. And I got to the 23 hospital. 24 That was it.

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O. All right. Let me take you back through.
1
      I've got a few questions for you.
2
                   After you nursed Marissa in the den,
 3
      you said you all went in and had breakfast?
 4
          A. Yeah. We play. There's toys in the den.
 5
                   There's a TV in the kitchen.
 6
 7
      There's toys there.
                   It's a house.
8
9
              Yeah. Everybody is up?
          Q.
10
              Everybody is up.
          Α.
11
              A lot of activity?
          Q.
          Α.
12
              Excitement.
13
              Everybody is in kind of that section of
14
      the house at that point in time?
15
          Α.
              Right.
16
              That would include your great grandmother
17
      or your grandmother?
18
              Right.
          Α.
19
              And then after breakfast is over, you,
20
      Deborah, and the three older kids --
21
          A. Right. We're just following her, and
22
      we're --
23
                   MR. LESSNER: He's got to ask a
24
      question. That's not a question.
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1
                    THE WITNESS: Right.
 2
      BY MR. LANDON:
 3
          Q. After you're all done breakfast and
      whatever, the next thing that you remember is
 4
 5
      you, and Deborah, and the three older kids go in
      the back area of the house where the bedrooms
 6
 7
      were?
 8
          Α.
              (Witness nodded her head.)
 9
          Q.
             Yes?
10
              Yes.
          Α.
11
              But you don't recall Marissa going back
12
      there with you?
13
          Α.
              No.
14
              Do you recall where Alison was at that
          Q.
15
      point?
16
          Α.
              No.
17
              Do you recall where your grandmother,
18
      Helen, was at the time?
19
          Α.
              No.
20
              Do you recall where your mother was at
          Q.
      that time?
21
22
          Α.
              In the kitchen.
23
              Up until the point where you went back
24
      into the back bedroom with Deborah and the older
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children, had you seen Vinnie or the worker at
 1
      all at the house, either inside or outside --
 2
 3
              No.
          Α.
             -- that morning?
 4
          Q.
 5
                   Did you know they were there?
 6
          Α.
              No.
 7
              Had you seen them there the day before?
          Q.
             I don't remember.
 8
 9
          Q. Had anybody, to your knowledge, gone into
10
      the pool enclosure area that morning before you
11
      and Deborah and the three older kids went back to
12
      the back bedrooms, to your knowledge?
          A. I don't know, I didn't.
13
14
              Okay. Do you recall seeing the round
15
      table that is in some of these photographs?
16
                   I take it you've seen those
17
      photographs.
18
              When I first saw the round table is when I
19
      walked in and I saw Marissa there.
20
          Q. Okay.
21
              You know.
          Α.
22
              The round table was in the pool area when
          Ο.
23
      you walked in and saw Marissa?
24
          A. Yes, because they were crouching down
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doing something to the table and the chair. They
7
2
     were there.
3
          Q. Okay.
             If you want me to, I'll show you in the
4
 5
     picture.
          Q. Let me see if -- look at Rizzo Number 8,
6
7
      the bottom picture.
         A. Okay. So it's, like, Marissa is here.
8
     Well, that's a -- right.
9
                   So Marissa is in front of there, and
10
11
      I jump in here. They're right here.
12
                   Like Rizzo is over here and -- and
13
     the other fellow is right here.
          Q. And --
14
15
          A. And I just want to make clear, when I said
16
      like, you know, whatever I said, I can't make it
17
      clear exactly, but I was just in shock. Why
18
     didn't you see her?
19
          Q. Okay. They had not seen her?
20
          Α.
             Basically. And I remember scooping her up
21
      and getting her out.
22
                   And they just took off. They just
23
      sort of cleared out and went outside like...
24
          Q. In Exhibit 8 in the top photograph, there
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1
      appears to be a -- perhaps a hot tub adjoining
2
     the pool; is that what that area is?
 3
              Yes. Mm-hmm.
          Α.
 4
              And are you saying that when you saw
     Marissa floating, she was floating in the shallow
5
     end of the pool?
 6
 7
          Α.
              Correct.
              Sort of near the hot tub area?
8
          Ο.
9
          Α.
              Correct. Close.
10
              And was the white table sitting in
11
      approximately the location that it appears in the
12
     bottom picture in Rizzo 8?
13
          A. Yes.
14
              Okay. And you're saying that Vinnie was
15
     where?
              I don't know, somewhere over here. And
16
17
      the other guy was here, because he was closer to
18
      the pool.
19
                   They were both here --
20
          Q.
              Okay.
21
              -- looking at me, like, in shock.
22
              Were they both somewhere between the table
23
      and the hot tub area? In other words, back in
24
     here?
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1
          Α.
              Like right here and there.
 2
              Okay.
          Q.
 3
              They were, like, a foot apart from each
      other, maybe two feet.
 4
 5
              And they were doing something with the
 6
      table?
 7
              I don't know. They were in the room doing
      something --
8
9
          Q.
              Okay.
10
              -- to this stuff.
11
              The two chairs that appear in the bottom
12
      of Rizzo 8, do you know if they were actually in
13
      those positions when this happened?
              You know what, what do you think?
14
15
              I have no idea.
16
              I saw two men, and I saw my daughter
17
      floating in a pool.
18
          Q. Fair enough.
19
                   You don't recall seeing any chairs
20
      anywhere in particular?
21
          Α.
              No.
22
              Okay. All right.
23
                   You don't know how long they had
24
     been in the pool enclosure area doing whatever it
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was they were doing at that moment?
1
 2
          Α.
              No.
              You didn't see them go into that area?
 3
 4
              No.
          Α.
 5
              Did you see them leave?
          Q.
              Yes.
 6
          Α.
 7
              Okay. Did they run out of there?
          Q.
 8
              Pretty much.
          Α.
 9
              Okay. Timing, do you have any sense of
10
      what time it was when you left the den, dining,
11
      kitchen area of the house and went to the back
12
     bedroom with Deborah and the older three
13
     children?
14
              I have been trying to ponder about that
15
      for about three years. And I don't know.
16
          Q. Okay. You mentioned in your statement
17
      that you thought it might have been around 9:30,
18
     but it seemed, my reading of it, you didn't seem
19
      real sure about that.
20
                   Would that be accurate that you're
     not real sure, but that's an approximation?
21
22
              An approximation. I don't know. I
          Α.
     don't...
23
24
          Q. Okay. Do you happen to know what time it
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1 was when you did find Marissa in the pool? I don't. 2 Α. 3 Okav. Well --0. I don't know. 4 According to the police report, it may or 5 6 may not be accurate --7 10:13, 10:21. 8 Do you know if it was sometime after 9 10:00? Sure. It must have been sometime after 10 11 10:00, because when I think about it, I was 12 probably at the hospital by 10:30. 13 Q. I'll represent to you that in all of the 14 information that I've reviewed from the 15 investigator for Sierra Claims Service, and the 16 police report, and the statements that you have 17 given, that your father has given, no one seems 18 to be able to place Marissa, her whereabouts at 19 any time after about 9:30 in the morning until 20 she was found in the pool. 21 MR. LESSNER: There's no question 22 pending. 23 BY MR. LANDON: 24 Q. Okay. That's just a representation that

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1
      I'm making.
                   I want you, for purposes of this
2
3
     next question, to assume that to be the case.
 4
     All right.
5
                   Do you have any reason or any
6
      knowledge from any source where anyone can place
7
     Marissa's whereabouts at any time between 10:30
8
      or between 9:30 a.m. and 10:13 a.m. in the
9
     morning?
10
                   MR. LESSNER: Objection; compound.
11
      Form.
12
      BY MR. LANDON:
1.3
          Q. You can answer the question.
14
                   MR. LESSNER: If you understand it.
15
                   THE WITNESS: If I'm understanding
16
      this clearly, you're saying have I spoken to
17
      anybody or figured out any point in time between
18
      9:30, and 10:00, or something the whereabouts --
19
      BY MR. LANDON:
20
              9:30 and 10:15 where anyone can say where
21
     Marissa was or what she was doing?
22
              Not speaking to anybody, nor myself going
     back down with the kids. And -- no.
23
24
          Q. Okay. So you would agree, then, as far as
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1
      you're concerned, and as far as you know, you
 2
      yourself, there is no one that can identify where
 3
      she was at any given time between 9:30 and 10:13?
                   MR. HART: Objection.
 4
      BY MR. LANDON:
 5
 6
         Q. You can answer the question.
 7
                   MR. LESSNER: If you understand it.
 8
      You can ask him to repeat it.
 9
                   THE WITNESS: Well, can you repeat
10
      the question?
11
      BY MR. LANDON:
12
          Q. Okay. As far as you know, no one can
13
      account for Marissa's whereabouts between 9:30
14
      a.m. and 10:13 a.m. that morning?
15
                   MR. LESSNER: The objection -- just
16
      so I'm clear, when you say no one can account,
17
      she's testifying as to her personal knowledge.
18
     Are you asking her whether she has knowledge of
19
      statements that somebody else has said?
20
      BY MR. LANDON:
21
            Do you have any knowledge that anyone has
22
      any knowledge --
23
              I don't have any knowledge.
24
          Q.
             Hold on. Let me ask the question.
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Do you have any knowledge that there 1 2 is any person on the planet that has any knowledge as to Marissa's whereabouts between 3 9:30 a.m. and 10:13 a.m.? 4 5 I don't know. 6 In other words, she could have been in 7 that pool from 9:30 that morning or she could 8 have been in that pool from --9 MR. LESSNER: Objection. It calls 10 for speculation. She can only testify as to what 11 she knows. 12 BY MR. LANDON: 13 Q. And I'm trying to get at what she knows 14 from the opposite way from what she doesn't know. 15 And what you don't know is you don't know what 16 time Marissa actually got into that pool 17 enclosure area --1.8 A. Correct. 19 Q. -- and got into the pool? All right. Thank you. 20 21 You don't know what time the door 22 from the dining area to the pool area was opened, 23 do you? 24 MR. LESSNER: Objection; form.

I think you said do you not know. 7 MR. LANDON: No, I didn't. 2 3 BY MR. LANDON: 4 Do you know what time the pool door --5 I turned a corner, I saw a door open. Okay. And that door may have been opened 6 0. 7 for a minute, or it may have been opened for 45 minutes for all you know? 8 9 I don't know. 10 Okay. And you don't know who opened it, Q. 11 do you? 12 Α. Correct. 13 And you don't know whether it was opened 14 multiple times that morning, or just one time, or 15 two times, or three times that morning; correct? 16 Α. Correct. 17 Were any of your older kids capable of 18 opening that door? 19 Α. No. 20 Is that because it was too heavy to open Q. 21 or --22 Α. There's a lock on the top. 23 Q. What if it's unlocked at the top, could 24 your oldest child have opened the door?

1 It is -- it was heavy. Do you know whether she could have opened 2 3 the door? 4 She was with me. 5 Okay. Do you know whether she was capable of opening the door is a better question. 6 7 I don't know. Did you ever talk to Vinnie Rizzo or his 8 9 helper, other than what you've already described 10 when you were in the pool holding Marissa after 11 you found Marissa, other than yelling at them, 12 you know, why didn't you see her or whatever it 13 was that you said? 14 Did you have any other conversation 15 with them at any time after that? 16 I obviously -- I was mourning, grieving. 17 And I think I went over to them, to Vinnie to 18 acknowledge -- I don't remember. I don't 19 remember what I said to him. 20 I just sort of said, just to make 21 him feel like -- like if -- I was obviously --I'm the mourning, grieving mother, and they were 22 23 And I -- just to make him feel it's okay. there.

Q. Was that that same day or some other day

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1 afterward? 2 It could have been a month or -- I don't 3 remember when it was. MR. HART: Can we at least be clear, 4 5 it was not that day? 6 THE WITNESS: No. It was not that 7 day. 8 BY MR. LANDON: 9 Q. Did you talk to -- strike that. Did any of the other adult family 10 members that were in the house that day ever tell 11 you that they had seen Vinnie and or his helper 12 bringing in the table and or chairs into the pocl 13 14 area? 15 Α. No. 16 When you came out from the back bedroom 17 when you were trying to figure out where Marissa 18 was and you came into the dining area, and you 19 saw that the door was open, do you know where any 20 of the other people in the house were at that 21 moment? 22 Alexandra was with me. My mom was in the 23 kitchen. 24 There was Marissa floating. And

sliding doors; right? 1 2 Α. Yes. And you were here when your mother 3 4 testified that pretty much the same thing, that 5 it was the custom and habit for those doors 6 always to be shut? 7 Α. Yes. 8 You would agree with that? Ο. 9 Yes. Yes. Α. During the summer of 2002, there was an 10 11 incident with Eric. As a result of that, you 12 ended up staying with your mother and your 13 parents? 14 A. Yes. 15 How long had you been staying with your 16 parents prior to August 30 of '02, if you can 17 tell me? 18 Twelve days. 19 Okay. And when that incident happened, 20 did you take all -- what did you take with you to 21 your parents initially? 22 We had bags that were packed for the 23 weekend when we went to Cape May. 24 Q. Okay.

1 I went home maybe to pick up another pair 2 of sneakers or something for the kids, just a 3 couple odds and ends that -- I wasn't planning on staying for the next two years or Marissa dying. 4 I understand. During that two weeks or a 5 little less than two weeks, did you ever go back б 7 to your other residence to pick up anything? 8 Α. No. 9 During that period of 12 days, did you 10 have to go cut and buy certain things for the 11 kids that you needed, but were at the other house 12 and you didn't want to go get them? 13 I don't remember. Α. 14 Prior to that Friday the 30th, you had 15 known Vinnie Rizzo before; right? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And I'm assuming you were familiar with 18 him because of the work that he had done on your 19 parents' property? 20 Α. Yes. 21 The other guy that was there on the 30th, 22 had you ever seen him before? 23 Α. No.

Were you on a friendly basis with Vinnie?

24

Q.

1 Yes. Α. 2 Had you ever been present at your parents' house in the past when he had done work there? 3 4 Yes. Α. I just want to -- also, your mom had said 5 6 before that the time prior to you coming to stay 7 with your parents, Theresa was living with you at 8 your residence? 9 Yes. Α. 10 And then when you came to your parents' house with the kids, she came with you? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 Ο. Were you able to communicate with Theresa, because my understanding is she spoke Spanish? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 O. Do you speak Spanish? 17 Mixed Spanish. Α. 18 But you believe you were able to Ο. 19 adequately communicate with her? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Would you converse with her in, like, a 22 mix of English and Spanish? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Did you ever have any conversations with Q.

Theresa from the time she first started working 1 with you until when this happened as to what her 2 duties and responsibilities were going to be 3 while she was working for you? 4 I had four kids. Sure. Α. 5 What was your expectation of what her 6 responsibilities were as to the kids? 7 MR. LESSNER: Is this her 8 9 expectation or what she told Theresa? 10 MR. VAN NAARDEN: Let's start with 11 just the expectation. BY MR. VAN NAARDEN: 12 13 What was your expectation of what she was -- what you expected her to be doing? 14 15 Α. As a helper. 16 As you define "helper", is that heavier on 17 the taking care of the kids, or is that heavier 18 on, like, household chores, or is it a mix 19 between the two? 20 A mix. Α. 21 Do you believe that her responsibilities 22 were majority take care of the kids, or is that 23 not how you would categorize it? 24 Α. No.

1	Q. Did you have a cleaning lady or cleaner
2	come into your home in addition to Theresa being
3	there?
4	A. No.
5	Q. I asked your mom some questions about
6	go ahead.
7	MR. LESSNER: I just want to caution
8	you. When he prefaces it "I asked your mom",
9	okay, that's not necessarily the question. Okay.
10	What your mother said has been
11	transcribed by the court reporter. So to the
12	extent he asks you, did your mother say that,
13	that's something the court reporter transcribed.
14 i	BY MR. VAN NAARDEN:.
15	Q. To be fair to you, you were here during
16	your mother's deposition; right?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. If I represent something to you that your
19	mother said that you don't agree with, please let
20 1	me know. Okay?
21	A. (Witness nodded her head.)
22	Q. During the period that you were staying at
23	your parents' house prior to the incident, who
24	was primarily responsible for taking care of

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1
     Marissa?
2
              I'm a mom.
              Okay. Were you -- as far as, was she
 3
      toilet trained at the time that this happened?
 4
 5
          Α.
              No.
 6
          Q.
              She wasn't. Okay.
7
                   So someone needed to be changing
8
      diapers?
9
          Α.
              Correct.
              Is that something that you would do?
10
11
          Α.
              Yes.
12
              Something that also Theresa would do?
          Q.
13
              Yes.
          Α.
              And sometimes your mom would do it?
14
          Q.
15
          Α.
              Yes.
16
              Do you know if during that 12-day period
          Q.
17
      of time if Theresa undertook any type of cleaning
      or household duties at your mom's house?
18
19
              I don't know. I mean, it was -- I don't
20
      know.
21
                   I believe she would have. I mean,
22
      that's how it was even in my own home.
23
          Q. Do you recall having any additional
24
      conversations with Theresa prior to you coming to
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1
      your parents' house about any changes that were
      going to be happening when you got to your
2
      parents' house as far as her role?
 3
 4
          Α.
              No.
              You talked -- we went over before a little
5
     bit about what was going on on the 30th when you
 6
7
      woke up. I'm not going to go through it all with
8
      vou.
9
                   But in the family room, is there a
10
      TV?
11
                   And, again, referring to a diagram
12
      that was marked at Vinnie Rizzo's deposition as
13
      Rizzo 1.
14
              This is the family room, so the TV is over
15
      here.
16
              Do you recall in the morning of Friday,
17
      August 30th if the TV was on?
18
              I don't know.
19
              Was that something -- like something that
20
      you would regularly do is turn the TV on for the
21
      kids or put a tape in for them?
22
              I don't know. I mean, it happens.
23
                   Different days, different
24
      circumstances.
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1	Q. Was there any particular that you can
2	remember, any particular show on Friday mornings
3	that your kids used to like to watch?
4	A. No.
5	Q. Are there any other TVs on that first
6	floor, not talking about the master bedroom or
7	the back bedroom, but in the Florida room,
8	kitchen area?
9	A. Kitchen room, they had a small TV
10	around there's a table in the kitchen with a
11	small TV there.
12	Q. Do you know if there's a radio or a sound
13	system in that area, too, in the Florida room,
14	kitchen, or family room?
15	A. Might be a small TV right on the counter
16	here.
17	Q. And as you sit here today, can you tell me
18	if you remember any of them being on on October
19	30th? On August 30th?
20	A. Maybe, like, 6:30 in the morning with
21	Harrison and Marissa.
22	Q. Okay.
23	A. We were, you know, playing or watching TV
24	or something there.

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1
              And you believe that later on in the day
          Q.
2
      it was shut off?
3
          Α.
              Sure.
 4
          Q.
              Okay.
5
              Yeah.
          Α.
 6
              When you first were notified that the door
          Q.
7
      was open, and you went in there, you indicated
 8
      that Vinnie and the guy, the other individual,
 9
      were actually in the room, in the pool room;
10
      right?
11
          Α.
              Yes.
12
              Okay. Can you tell me what they were
          Ο.
13
      doing?
              Like you just don't know?
14
          Α.
              I don't know.
15
              Do you know if they had any -- and I
16
      understand that that's not what you were paying
17
      attention to at the time.
18
              They were crouching down doing something.
      Their backs were turned.
19
20
                   They didn't see she was floating in
21
      the pool.
22
              But when they ran out, did you notice if
23
      they were carrying anything in their hands?
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          A.
              I don't know.
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1 0. Okay. Just wasn't something you were 2 paying attention to? 3 (Witness shook her head.) When you went to the pool and you turned 4 5 to them and you said something to the effect of, Why didn't see her, did they give you any 6 7 response? 8 They just looked like shocked, like all of 9 a -- like they saw this rage in me, like, Oh, my 10 God like. 11 But they didn't say anything in response? Ο. 12 Α. No. 13 Q. And then you said that they left the room? 14 Α. Yeah. 15 Q. Would you characterize them as running out 16 of the room? 17 Α. Moving fast. 1.8 After that point in time, and, again, I 19 understand it's in the context of what's going 20 on. But do you remember seeing them after that 21 point, after they ran out of the room? 22 Α. No. 23 Q. In the times in the past when you've seen 24 Vinnie and maybe some of these other workers